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Submission: I am against the proposed merger with Auburn by Burwood Council. While I am open to other possible mergers with other Inner West councils, Auburn is not a good cultural or geographical fit with Burwood. I am concerned about the debt level of Auburn Council, and also that the merger is motivated by political partisanship. Auburn, Burwood and Canada Bay are all Labor dominated councils. While a Labor / Greens supporter myself, I don't believe such short term partisan considerations should guide the long term future of my municipality.

I see a more natural fit as Burwood, Strathfield, Canada Bay, Ashfield, Leichhardt, and Marrickville IF indeed Burwood cannot stand alone.